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REMARKS

Claims 1, 7 – 12, 17 – 20, 24 – 33 and 35 – 38 are allowed. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's continued attention and consideration.

Claims 33, 35, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gonsalves et al. (U.S. 6,212,074).

Claims 33, 35, 37 and 38 have been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claim 38 has been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the above rejections be withdrawn.

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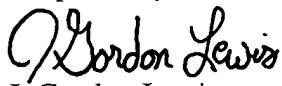
Conclusion:

Applicants believe, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all grounds of rejection of the claims have been addressed and overcome, and that all claims are allowed or are in condition for allowance.

If it would further prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No.: 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gordon Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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